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Lloyd George Speaks for the Allies

The reply of the Allies is unanimous and it is the reply that might bave been expected. The Powers that recklessly made the war are not to set the hour of the peace or name its exempting it from the operation of a terms for their own present convenience. The peace for which the Allies have been fighting, are fighting to organizations within the State. and purpose to continue to fight, if need be, is a lasting peace with guarantees for the future and reparation for the victims of outrage.

The door is not closed to negotiations. The peace for which the humanity and the civilization of the world hungers with infinite longing is perhaps not far beyond the clouds that obscure Germany's first overture; but it is for the Governments which rejected in 1914 the conference that would have spared Europe this horror of the ages to define now their attitude and to specify their proposals. England and her allies contemplate no peace terms that fall short of justice for the past and security for the long future.

LLOYD GEORGE spoke with authority in Parliament not only for Great Britain, not only for France and Russia and Italy, but also for the moral sense of the world when he clearly and fearlessly indicated the line between a peace that is possible and a peace that is impossible. The spirit and the constancy of Lord CHATHAM and of the younger Pirr were in his words, for he was speaking with the voice of an England that does not turn back, or quit without results.

There can be no further doubt it any quarter that the forces arrayed against the aggressor Powers are not in a mood to grasp for peace merely for peace's sake, and the quicker the stendfastness of their intentions is comprehended at Berlin, as sooner or later it must be understood, the brighter the prospect of the advent of the day all men desire.

We congratulate President Wilson and his advisers on the accurate per ception of propriety and opportunity which restrained them from offering counsel at this juncture or even indulging in the expression of natural hopes. The wisdom of the course which confined the function of this Government to the transmission of the documents is now apparent.

Perquisites for the Superintendent Ex-Janitor.

One of THE SUN'S flat dwelling friends now is somewhat irritated because the operation of the social compact of the unseen government which rules our every day lives renders it impossible for him to obtain, without resort to extraordinary means, the brand of milk he prefers. He inquires whether the junitorial power over trades persons and tenants might not be broken by enforcement of the anti-tipping statute enacted in 1905, and now embodied in section 439 of the Penal Law under the heading "Corrupt influencing of agents, employees and servants";

"Whoever gives, offers or promises t an agent, employee or servant, any gitt or gratuity whatever, without the knowledge and consent of the principal, employer or master of such agent, employee or servant, with intent to influence his action in relation to his principal's, employer's or master's business; or an agent, employee or servant who without the knowledge and consent of his principal, employer or master requests or accepts a gift or gratuity or a promise to make a gift or to do an act beneficial to himself, under an agreement or with an understanding that he shall act in any particular manner to his principal's, empievers or master's business; or an agent, employee or servant, who, being authorized to procure materials, supplies or other articles either by purchase or cylinder gasoline engine mounted on many American towns and cities is contract for his principal, employer or master, or to employ service or labor for his principal, employer or master, receives directly or indirectly, for himself or for another, a commission, discount or bonus from the person who makes such sale or contract, or furnishes such materials, supplies or other articles, or from a person who renders such service or labor; and any person who gives or of puca commission, discount or bonus shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 1 3. more than \$500, or by such fine and initial moment when JOHN SMITH by imprisonment for not more than one

It will be seen that an essential part of Russin, cousins of the Czar, than of the oftence for the punishment of by American citizens. which this section of the law is de-

signed consists in the principal's, employer's or master's ignorance of ransaction beneficial to the agent, emloyee or servant. So far as the question concerns those who were once janitors of flat houses, but now rejoice in the status of superintendents of apartment houses, the employers know, and always have known, that they are the recipients of gifts and gratuities from tradesmen; in fact, the employers themselves are not free from suspicion in the mafter. The wages they pay are conditioned on the outside inomes of their employees: the philanthropic baker, the butcher, the milkman, the ice man, acting as intermediaries for the tenantry, are expected to make it possible for the janitors called

superintendents to live, Of course, no member of the tenan lass regards himself as the employe of the ignitor called superintende The mere rent payers have been to well educated to make a mistake of that kind.

The Bimit.

There is in the great and growing ommonwealth of Texas an association for the promotion of home industries known familiarly as the Bimit, and more formally as the Buy-It-Made-in-Texas. The purpose of the organization is sufficiently indicated by its full name.

The Bimit has come into notice recently through its application to the Attorney-General's office in Austin to frame a bill and facilitate the passage thereof by the Texas Legislature law enacted in 1907, which makes it illegal for corporations to contribute This law, of course, was intended to prevent the corporations from contributing to the campaign funds of political parties, but according to judicial interpretation the Bimit comes under the ban. The Bimit wants the prohibition removed so that it can accept pecuniary aid from the Texas corporations for its Buy-It-Made-in-Texas propaganda.

This situation suggests another and much broader question of law. Is not the Bimit, in its attempt to prevent or restrict trading across the State borders and to limit sales and purchases to a particular territory, a ombination or conspiracy in restraint of trade? Is it not directly in conempt of the provisions of the Federal statutes which prohibit such combin tions or conspiracies? Does it not need to seek exemption at Washington as well as at the State capital?

This is a highly interesting que tion and we should be glad to have the opinions of the Hon. THOMAS WATT GREGORY, the Hon. ALBERT SID-NEY BURLESON and the Hon, EDWARD MANDELL HOUSE, all of Austin, Texas. What do they think of the legality. under the Sherman act, of the Bimit's operations in restraint of trade?

Keep the Kettles Clinking.

The tintingabulation of the bells of he street corners is not musical, but has a persistence and a penetration that fit it to its purpose, which is not may call it a pesky thing, and the priv- worried about it. ilege of mild objurgation is yoursfree if you will be so curmudgeonly. Submarine Warfare on Empty Shi but preferably to be squared by the dropping of a nickel, dime or quarter. or even the humbly helpful copper,

into the capacious kettle. "Fill 'em up, fill 'em up, fill 'em up!" Why, it's a merry jangle enough after all.

The Salvation Army, which is feed ing as many as 300,000 persons this winter, asks its contributors to remember that the cost is one-third greater than it was last year. This is not a loose estimate, but a statement measured by the bids for supplying provisions. Let each dime or nickel bring two or three pennies along with it. and the mathematics of the season's beneficence is easily solved.

Well tossed, sir! Now your step is brisker, your head held higher. You thought to be a patron, and became a customer. You have bought a heart warmer, and bought it cheap.

The Season of Fellowship.

One touch of nature makes the whole world kin, they say, and six to twelve inches of snow, as might be expected, excites every communal inoperative enterprise of clearing sidewalks, an undertaking in which the neighborliness of suburban dwellers of Jones, who could stay out at a party until 2 o'clock and yet cannot rise this morning to wield a wooden shovel? His front walk is the worst on the block. Let's hire a man to dig It out and send him the bill,

JOHN SMITH, ORADIAH SMITH'S SOD. who is still in his teens, has spent weeks tinkering in the' woodshed, which his father resolutely refuses to call a garage. What on? Well, here comes young John pushing a four runners. There is a single seat for the new post office. It is an orna- not to be published, as many other birds the driver and right behind this is ment to the place, no doubt; the arch- may be killed in following the perniclous mounted an enormous wooden propel- litecture classic or colonial, the build- example set by this person. ler which the youth rescued from the ing material granite and marble wreck of an airplane. By some mirale the blades were not smashed. He few years. They have been secured gives them a twist and the motor by a Representative or Senator who begins a mad throbbing. The whole was able to boast of what he had neighborhood cheers as young John takes his sent and sets off at fifteen turn to Congress. miles an hour in the first automobile sleigh ever seen in Pineville. The breakdown that comes afterward cannot detract from the triumph of that whizzed away in a vehicle more comnonly employed by the Grand Dukes

After dark there is much telephon-

she cannot get a number. She wishes to invite the BEECHAMS over to have a game of cards, but the operator invariably reports: "The line is busy." After extended efforts Mrs. Punceux succeeds in setting afoot an investigation. It develops that there is to be an examination in high school to-morrow, and one Roy Dickesson and the WICKHAM boy have been doing almeasure of preparedness.

The drifted white lawns, shining palely under the light of a thousand stars, impart the flavor of approaching Christmas. To more than one quiet body in this inconspicuous American village the thought comes that this common mantle spread over building. the earth as far as one can see is a tangible evidence of a Divine intention to treat all men alike. The snow as well as the rain falls on the just and unjust both. And either snow or rain, very probably, is falling impartially over there on the other side of earth nor goodwill toward men? The peace when that has been accomplished which a merciful Gop has inscrutably permitted so many millions to die for.

Worry.

While the Health Department of the city urges folks to take allopathic the river and harbor bill, but there oses of night air, the national Public Health Service begs all hands not to about the loot in the omnibus public worry. It holds up the animal king- building bill. It is high time some dom as an example :

"So far as is known, no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbor. No fox ever fretted because he had only one hole in which to hide. No squirrel ever died of anxiety lest he tice to deserving localities and pruned should not lay by enough nuts for two of its Hazards and Pikevilles, Mr. winters instead of for one, and no dog Wilson should not hesitate to interever lost any sleep over the fact that he | pose his veto. did not have enough bones laid aside for his declining years."

nest every year, but its fees to the of the American people Architect are a mere song. It does not worry because copper sheathing costs 40 cents a pound or because cuamel paint has gone to \$6 a gallon The fox frets not, because he is pur sued by nothing more dangerous than t hunt club hound. Suppose he had dozen creditors on his trail?

So far as is known, the squirrel layup all his den will hold, and the fact remains that he does lay up. If he did not be would not worry, but he would die. With the dog it is different. He buries bones because it is his versity of Pennsylvania plays Oregon duty to umuse man. Come, his sly eye at Pasadena. So notes on the game of says to his master, I am about to glory are not yet out of order. bury, very secretly, a bone; I do not wish more than three or four witnesses. If you will not come to the

sofa pillows. Anything to oblige, Study that equally interesting animal the Don't Worry Sage. He tot- ball baccalaureate will line up against ters home at night to his mate. I've spent all day, be says, advising people to tickle the ear drums but to start not to worry. Will they take the adthe hand toward the coin pocket. You vice? I don't know and I'm getting

The British horse transport Russian was, like the Marina, torpedoed when she was bound west and empty: that is to say, she was sunk as an enemy merchant ship, and not because she carried contraband. Apparently she was torpedoed without warning, for twenty-eight sailors and nule handlers, including seventeen Americans, were drowned

It was "submarine warfare" at its worst, in spite of Germany's pledge fare would not be extended to the was intercepted; in spite of a later assurance by the Imperial Govern ment that orders had been issued to naval commanders to conduct submarine operations against merchant ships in accordance with the requireregards visit and search and the safety of crew and passengers.

The presumption is strong from the Marina and Russian and similar sinkings that a new German policy is the elimination of as many merchant ships from British registry as possible, with stinct in man. There is, first, the co- a long look ahead to the end of the most does shine. What do you think was to come were given. Apparently the German naval commanders are taking no chances of the escape of a single British vessel. If American what it really thinks of the Hon citizens are sacrificed it is another "regrettable accident." Meanwhile our State Department must be framing formidable bill of particulars if there is intention of making it the basis of vigorous action.

Hazards and Pikevilles.

The most imposing building in These fine structures are of the las done for the town and assure his re-

The town really needed nothing so ornate and big for post office or Fed. I would consider it a favor if this eral purposes. The site cost a pretty sum and the building was one that be obtained. neither the State nor the municipality would have put up to please either politicians or people. Will Burlington, Vermont, or New Bedford ever grow up to its grand new post office? The observing traveller will remem-

ing on the party wires. Mrs. PURCELL ber other luxurious piles in the East THOUGHTS OF A SALARIED that are out of proportion to their environment and must have cost a sum that the local taxpayers would never have voted to spend for a new building of any kind.

gance is even more conspicuous: in many cases it is a criminal waste of money, little one horse towns having public buildings that are the show places of the whole Congress district gebra problems over the telephone as and the joke of the corner grocery store. Struggling villages in a semiwilderness have post offices suited to cities of 50,000 people. In the nature of things these fine structures will be neglected and will run down in the course of time, because the settlement will never grow up to the

In the pork bill now before Congress under the name of the omnibus public building bill, which signifies graft for all, Hazard, Kentucky, with report on production, but how can I a population of 537, is down for a tell \$40,000 structure, the cost of mainte- election? nance of which would be \$3,500 a the world where men face each other year, although the post office receipts in open graves as the third Christmas are only \$5,000 and will never be approaches. Is there to be for them much more. Pikeville, Kentucky, anno senson of fellowship, no peace on other mountain town in the same Congress district, also with a populaheart contracts at the thought, but tion of a few hundred, is a candidate only for a moment. There will be for a \$35,000 building. These are "For the love of Mike, send us sor sample cases. The omnibus bill is money," &c. stuffed with brazen demands upon the public treasury; it is graft, pure graft, nothing else

An outery goes up when schem to widen Pawpaw Creek or to dredge Hermit Crab Shoals are dug out of seems to be a conspiracy to be mum thing was done to regulate the expenditure of money on Federal buildings, suiting the appropriation to the nctual need. If the measure now before Congress is not recast to do jus-

History repeats itself. Again the ery "Millions for defence," its mean-So far as is known, the bird builds ing somewhat changed, stirs the hearts

> Even the largest pigeonhole in the State Department must explode if the cumulative evidence continues

ing Miss RUTH Law "the Columbus of the air."

The \$35,000,000 public building bill without compensation

The football season will not until New Year's Day, when the Unidue is planning a new system of gridiron education whereby line men and backs are to be made "in the same way that engineers, chemists and agriyard I shall bury the bone under the culturists are made," in laboratory and classroom. Every school day in the year the candidates for the footthe intricacles of their favorite seifalling on the ball will be practised "in the live stock pavilion." The coache of our effete Eastern colleges must admire the Hoosier idea, whatever the

> jeties of peace add the revived Sylviapankhurstian.

think of it.

The Frankfurter Zeitung probably understands as well as any one else the needlessness of immediate anxiety about American overarmament.

One in every hundred of New York' thousands of public school teachers nine are both zealous and competent. One per cent, of inefficiency is not an extraordinary proportion, unless it is to the United States that that war- extraordinarily low. The percentage among the authorities who let the one Mediterranean, where the Russian per cent. of poor teachers in must be

> Why "aviatrice"? No self-respecting such an absurd name.

"No squirrel," says a Public Health Service bulletin, "ever died of anxiety ments of international law, both as lest he should not lay by enough for two winters instead of for one." This authority has not played host to a chipmunk during a summer season. Chippie will carry away in his pouch all day long all the corn and peanuts offered him, more indeed than he and his household could consume in two winters. That he is anxious about the winter's store is evident from his perwar when German cargo carriers will the gravity of his demeanor, not to resume business. That would be le- speak of the risk of assault by the gitimate enough if warning of what red squirrel that he takes in coming and going so often.

> The United States Senate seems to JOHN BARLETCORN.

THE SPARROW. Shooting the Little Cuss Destroys Many Other Birds.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: to-day's SUN there is a letter from a man who boasts that he shoots all the sparrows on his farm. Such communications as these ough

ARCHIBALD C. WEEKS.

BROOKLYN, December 19. Will "A." Please Tell How Sparroy Traps Are Made!

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: note a letter signed "A., Great Barrington, Mass.," which refers to sparro

person would describe how these traps are made, or better still, where they can e obtained. WILLIAM H. CARY, BROOKLYN, December 19.

Congratulating a Lucky Kansan.

From the Topela Capital. "Lucky" Collins, who was married had mmer, has a new overcoat. God

POLITICAL MANAGER.

promoting my lieutenants shall rely entirely on vocational, character and efficiency tests, or should popularity count 2 points in 100? In the West and South the extrava-

Did I forget to punch the clock Are the lighting, heating and venti-lation methods at headquarters per-Does a thin radical need much air as a fat reactionary?

must put clerkships under civil service rules. Will I get the best that in him out of a clerk who votes the other ticket on election day? What is the tariff on them and would

harm our party by buying now? My grandson 'has been made by the removal enoids. Is it too late for me, or have I any adenoids?

nets we need didn't give a nickel to the last campaign fund. All business men make a

what I have produced

How can I teach county chairmen during business hours? My efficiency engineer tells me

clerks who cat a steak with fried potatoes at noon lose 38 per cent, of I must compose a standard office form of reply to telegrams reading:

Ought I to take the blood pressure on me and appear to be apoplectic? he replied "Coin." I said "People." and he replied "Bunk!" I said "Priqueer and there is no text book Am I efficient? Who can prove

GRANITE BLOCKS.

A Payement Declared to Be Inferior

Under Certain Traffic Conditions. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: In ished an article under the title "Smooth lutions passed by the Broadway Association at its luncheon at the Hotel relied report that these resolutions called for smooth payement in place of the damned spot! "dirty, noisy, unclean granite now in contemplation.

to-day with the improved type of block sand mastic, as laid by Chief Engineer The suffragists are jubilantly call- Eugene W. Stern this year on the Bowteenth street, Twenty-second street, Houston street, Thirty-seventh street and n Front street, is not only a smooth stands for the theory of taxation and sanitary pavement but is easily cleaned by flushing, and is the only type f payement safe for horses and auto nobiles and motor trucks on slippery days or when wet from sprinkling.

The very fact that the Motor Truel Club of America has indorsed the remendations of Mayor Gaynor's commitchalrman should of itself be sufficient argument to prove the need for this ype of material on lower Broadway. on page 72 of the committee's report of 1912 is this recommendation

For Manhattan we recommend granite block pavements be used for all streets below Twenty-third street, except above Twenty-third street; among which all avenues to the east of it to the Hariem

This recommendation includes lower Broadway because the traffic on this territory is so great that any other type of payement will be quickly destroyed.

may be inefficient, but the ninety and and this year the last pavement laid as they seem to, goes without saying, a stranger; seldom does he find oppor- the watch a darky charged with was ripped up and modern granite im-

The city of Boston has laid improved Hall this year and appropriated money for the laying of granite on a number of business streets. ZENAS W. CARTER

Field Secretary, Granite Paving Block Manufacturers Association of the United States.

Boston, Mass., December 18.

Rare Good Luck of a Brooklynite. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: If the writer of the letter on "Corn's Degradation," H. W. Colcord of Brooklyn, will favor me with his address and pay the post I shall be pleased to send him a five pound sample of corn meal which will make him a Rhode Island Johnny cake that will make him sigh for the sistent calls for more and more and old New England days of his youth. millers as it is in the use of improper corn. I never yet saw a good johnny cake made from Western corn meal.

JEWETT CITY, Conn., December 17.

A. A. YOUNG.

Kultur's Christmas Tree.

The most gigantic Christmas pine the world had ever seen Soared skyward in the starlight like a peak of evergreen; t seemed as if a forest had united just to

One night, in monstrous magnitude, a grim, symbolic tree. And there against the heavens in its maj-And like a fear-ome phantom waved its shadow on the snows. Bedecked were all its branches, but not as

The trunkless heads of men were there, and loose limbs red with gore Where candles should be burning was the giare of sightless eyes; And the wind that stirred the branches

sounded like a million sighs. Toys? You ask me were they hanging where we know they used to be. Playthings? Yes. There gleamed terpedoes that can kill beneath the sea There were bombs that give a greeting and a farewell all in one; There were hands that had a finger, and each finger clutched a gun.

Oh, it was a merry Christmas tree, so black and broad and high. And jolly with the weapons soldiers leave us when they die. The drifts beneath the soaring pine gree scarlet, and the night
Was starless now and blacker, and the
anow birds took to flight;

The skulls grow gray and ghastly on the branches where they lay: 'twas Kultur's Christmas Day! EDWARD S. VAN ZILE.

GERMANY'S OVERTURES. n View of Her Bad Faith and Men

dacities Can She Be Trusted! TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: You lucid, searching comments on Germany's many late in July, 1914, was opposed to peace conference. Sir Edward Grey form of his proposal, replied in sub-stance: Let Germany state what form

Paris was to be here in a fortnight. The only trouble was that France was working desperately for peace, even af ter the declaration of war which Ger many sent to Russia, and France not only would not declare war on Germany controversy or incident. She went so far in seeking to avoid even the appear all the forces she had within ten kild meters of the German frontier, thus leaving her border unprotected, in orde until act of aggression had been committee that it might not be claimed that a

against Germany by a single man wear

of peaceful settlement she prefers and

it will be accepted by us and our friends

vented one, or rather four, thus resort ing to the methods of the criminal who uses false pretences in the preparatio of deeds of robbery. These charged French aviators with: (1) fly ing over Belgium; (2) attempting to destroy buildings near Wesel: (3) flying over the district of Eifel : (4) throwin combs near Carlsruhe and Nurembers These were the four reasons solemnly of up-State committeemen who call set forth by Germany as her justifica tion for making war on France. Ye caller to-day. I said "Results," and has not ceased to assert that she did no replied "Bunk!" I said "Pri- sor, but on the contrary was attacked he said "Piffe!" It's all very and had to defend herself—although in upport of that theory of injured inne cence she has produced endless argu ments and innumerable documents, sho has not produced the smallest scintilla of evidence in support of the ground against France, consisting of allegation of fact which the French Premier had denounced as false in every respect the very evening he received the German declaration of war. Starting her invasion of Belgium, Germany had at least Broadway Urged," referring to reso- the frankness to admit its illegality When it came to attacking France she Martinique Friday. In this article you wented for the occasion and which she has affected to forget ever since. Out, I say." ("Mac

The Germany Modern granite block pavements are 1916, passionately protests her wish for not "dirty, noisy, unclean granite pave-ments." Granite block pavement as laid which attacked France and Belgium in and with joints filled with asphalt and same Kaiser (to whom we continue to send the same birthday congratulations) dominated by the same military caste ery, Third avenue, Fourth street, Eigh- relying upon armies in which the Kronnont, and Von Bernhardl, the apostle o Parliament as impotent as it was when was informed war had been declared and meekly voted the first war credit with but one dissenting vote, and population in which those who are r bullies are usually moral weaklings, who freedom are eager warriors for the supthey believe to be lacking the means of an adequate defence. To speak of making peace with tha

dermany is a mockery, for her very exof peace. To speak of the safeguards many which has trampled under foot he treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of the whole civilized world is to betray places where there is not much heavy mapping or unwiningness to deal with rucking; for all streets of heavy trucking conditions rather than theories. Would we as a nation, with our own experience doubt be included Eighth avenue and all over our treaty of commerce with Prus sia, and knowing the infinitely bitterer

Allies' determination to bring about a and vim into the performances, change in German institutions, most of He is compelled to be at his post The Borough of Brooklyn paved it almost childish reasoning. That the from 1 o'clock in the afternoon until Broadway with three different types of Miles fully recognize the right of the material in the ten years preceding 1916 Germans to allow themselves to be at a total cost of approximately \$172,000. abused and downtrodden if they like it. But that being faced by a Power which, proved smooth pavement was laid in its when it has the upper hand or thinks musician should do daily, and although granite block pavement in front of City pose to fight that Power until it will not has opportunity to do so. If he desires even think it has or can have the upper hand, should likewise go without saving. That is their right, and they regard it even as a duty to themselves and to civilization.

As for us, the wonder of the ages will he that, instead of assuming superior airs as one who from the roof watches a fight between the police and gang sters, finding fault with both sides be cause they make the street so unsafe. we should not have taken a hand in the give these musicians one day of rest i restoration of law in the world through aiding to overcome the lawbreaker by the very force he has invoked. On this, as on most matters relating to our national security, "mañana" seems to be our watchword. It may be that we shall continue to be neutral between right and wrong, leaving it to our children some day to pay the penalty. May it not be too great for them to bear! Their protection has its best assurance in the fact that the Allies are determined to fight until a real peace is assured.

MAURICE LEON. NEW YORK, December 18.

THOSE BILLION DRINKS. Perhaps Their Time in Bond Was Ur

and Taxes Were Due.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: YOU editorial article quoting Mr. Ruppert's reason for increase of 11,000,000 gallons of whiskey paid for in the fiscal year 1916 is misleading.

Government allowance in bond was due and it was a compulsory tax payment. The immense stocks of old whiskeys on hand have forced down the price to the level of comparatively new good This year was better than 1914 and 1915, but a far cry to a normal year.

I am in the whiskey business.
R. W. Godfrey.

Also the Abbreviation of a Distinguish Family Name.

Something for Somebody to Explain. An adorable young married woman her in North White Plains complains that every time she passes a certain party in

her. Now, how does she know !

IT WAS AMERICA THAT TAUGHT THE JAPANESE TO SING.

Appearance of Mme. Miura Before the Japan Society Recalls Inciden of the 'Sixties.

ental mind. We sent out teachers who proved to be psychologists. Arthur Smith's "Chinese Characteristics" and "Village Life in China" and his profound study of the Chinese mirror of life in their own proverbs show what a Connecticut Yankee can find out about the men thought to be the most melody and harmony and by long exmysterious of all on earth. The late East" showed that he knew man as tific but soulful, trampled custom, trawell as Mars. Miss Bacon's "Japanese Girls and Women" is by general cknowledgment a classic.

nations" is known beyond a doubt. though the originator and oring the French uniform.
So Germany, lacking a pretext, in ganizer of the whole enterprise of 1852 was President Millard Fillmore, who, by his own testimony, had a unaniand endless activities in the Pacific might, but for his untimely death, have eye, cheering gesture and compa altered the history of both Muscovy statesman, of richest mental initiative. to whom time will yet do justice. This forest born New Yorker clasped the a class of boys, every one of them golden girdle of Orient and Occident. Another New York merchant and diplo-matist. Townsend Harris, held up to fellows. Thus she fulfilled the same the Japanese the mirror of their own proverbs and allured "the hermit into ers on instruments shall the market place."

Who, without warships, albeit sent 1852 show, or an alluring display of agricultural implements, Yankee inventions, telegraphs, railways, patent locks or the Bourbon nectar from Kentucky, all arranged on the strand in Yokohama, touched the chord deepest in the most sethetic nation of the were followed by vocal training. Orient? To-day, when Japanese so-pranos and contraltos delight our cars with the high notes of song as written in our noblest scores and scales, it is of vocal possibilities to the daughters of Japan. It was the psychological and spiritual sympathy of an American woman that excelled in potency the laugh of Uzume, who danced before the door of the cave to entice the Sun wonders, even miracles, have cease Goddess out and make the world re-

joice with "lightened face." Japan Society of New York honor tea to Mme. Miura, who will sing for of them and embraced them the guests, it is well to ask when and It was the Americans who opened through whom soul spoke to soul and the Japanese heart. The soul of Mr. deep called to deep to evoke sounds Ballagh, while marching on greats that reach and beautify the secret hambers of the spirit.

In 1862, when "music, heavenly was not young, but rather, in her Corean and Chinese habiliments, initial literature of imagination w was a thousand or two years old, but so fettered in traditions as to be 'cribbed, cabined and confined" while Japanese vocal potency was dormant. not even the embryo of modern song

The Slave of the Movies Pleads for In 1874 an Irishman Was the Batt

One Day's Rest in Seven. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN SUN THEFE TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN SU on as to whether moving picture thea- it just forty-two years ago in the tres, vaudeville houses and resorts of umns of the old Washington Chron a similar character should be permitted of which John W. Forney was elto conduct performances on Sundays, and by whom it was not provide To the expanding catalogue of va- Fifty-ninth street; and Third avenue and experience of other nations which relied fluence which these institutions exert on Germany's word, guarantee the ful- upon men in keeping them away from version of the story made an filment by that same Germany of any saloons and questionable resorts. But consider the musician, the man who for consider the musician, the man who for the Irish were considered the legi-Much has been said concerning the seven days and nights a week puts life prey of the jokesmiths who wrote pre-

tunity to practise, something that every it has, recognizes no law, no treaty he should attend operas or concerts to the watch when told that he wa which stands in its way, the Allies pro- amplify his knowledge he rarely if ever a day off he is required to supply a subnearly half a week's salary thereby.

Few young American musicians have heard a large orchestra, fewer still have crimes, of which as white met had the opportunity to attend a grand would be ashamed to be guit opera, and it is doubtful if more a small minority even know what ar least the great American public could do would be to support a movement t ALBERT VANDER MOLEN. BROOKLYN, December 19.

In 1915 the United States Imported 10. 670,888 pounds of dried figs from Portugal. No figs were imported by Germany or Russia, formerly the largest buyers Norway's apple crop was a failure this population of less than 2.00 This should increase the demand or American fruit.

Most of Guatemaia's imported preserved and no prohibition laws."

fruits, jellies and meats are supplied by the United States. If this trade is to be made a success goods of the highest quai-ty must be supplied. Tacks and iron hooks are needed in

Inquiries have been received from Coembia about automobiles, motorcycles and otorboats,

The wheat imported into Greece since to the necessary, but as Dr. Albert 1914 has been bought by the Government and distributed to miliers. In 1915 the American wheat shipped to Greece amounted to 294.623 metric tons. Bermuda expects to have a normal po-

Chilean merchants have asked for catalogues of men's clothing and furniture.

An effort is being made by Brazilian with the disease inchriety. dealers to interest American uphand mattress makers in the fibre of a plant known as "saudade." Indications are that the citron crop of the Patras district, Greece, will amount to

only 400 tons. A normal crop is about Japanese coral beds have been exten To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT. The streight developed since the outbreak of hostrammatically and mathematically correct tillties in Europe. The beds yield 65,600 pounds of coral worth \$700,000 annually.

Christmas Cheer at Sing Sing. From the Star of Hone

To our European friends it appears | was supposed to exist. Two savants To our European friends it appears was supposed to physician, Dr. James the ex-New York physician the ex-New Y Oriental voice as supposedly con in tradition and had even we learnedly on primitive music against Japanese possibilities. Dr. syl even labored to work out a compre mise scale. He seemed fitted, by mathe matical demonstration, by love of bets But an American woman, unscien-

dition and even the crusted orthodoxy of the court musicians under her foot, Mrs. James H. Hallagh, believing in the potency of the native soul, determined to find it out and to evoke the God given voice. Not even a m had as yet in 1862 begun to instruct Japanese girls, nor would respectable native parents then trust their daughters to the outlandish people who had come from beyond sea. So, select a Russian Admiral, even the brilliant ing one bright boy out of her class, versatile Resanov (1764-1807), this Virginia lady of beauty and charm unceasing energy, wide vision at a psychological mement attempted up until the last note of the diatonic scale was reached. Then, in admirable secrecy, but not in silence, she drilled ready thrilled by her to high ambries word, "as well the singers as the But who opened the Japanese heart? to come and listen. Amazed at hearing only for defence, as the strict orders of dered, not only with sound, but we spirit and accuracy, Dr. Syle destroyed his hybrid system and ordered out an

American melodeon. Thence began the evolution of modern musical Japan, Brass bands to the army, navy and popular festivals orchestras, led by Mr. Edgar H. House, New York journalist and Doctor Music (Oxon.), rendered oratorios with things, all that the Japanese needed was opportunity with guidance.

The wonderful band of Ameri pioneers in the Japan hermit agpassed away, but who shall say the Of them, as of the heroes of yore t saying is fulfilled this day: "These died in faith, not having received fulfilment of the promises, but he themselves by giving a reception and seen them afar off and were persuade

from afar Mme, Miura.

Out of the nation whose liverary his tory is not only already over twelve centuries old, but is unique in that it may yet come forth singers who in vocal splendor may mate fame. that of Murasaki no Shikabu in letter WILLIAM ELLIOT GRIPED

THINK OF THE MUSICIAN. THE WATCH, OR HOG, STORY

of the Classic considerable agitation over the quest E. S." tells a witty little story. Loc the butt of the joke, as in thus

> pieces for the press. "J. E. S.'s" point does not well taken, for he leaves the stealing and acquitted on the grounds might imitate the daily

charged by the stern Judge "Do I have to give back the hog The point, after all, is: Do criminally inclined ever black faces so as to be mistaken for when committing particularly E. S.'s" little story is far feliced

NEW YORK, December 19.

STRONG DRINK Does the Use of Hard Liquors Necess

sitate Abolition of the Saloen TO THE EDITOR OF THE STA Martine made an impassion for a 'wet' capital, saying to should not be abolished untiform of club for the poor be established. Maine, he s. more drunkenness than the Italy, with a population of The good Senator might also cited the 50,000,000 hustling Japan's seacoast cities have a saloons under American or

management, but they are Their poor man's clubs are to Through the efforts of consular agents in the Athens district, Greece, orders have recently been placed in this country for \$70,500 worth of brewers' supplies.

On a martini or a gin riches.

If the population of our greenestly been placed in this country for was principally italian and Jarrestraining prohibition law was principally at the Atlantic Country of the family, have for ages been habits of intexication, and descendants, almost, I dare out an individual exception.

> Why compare Maine with HIGHLAND FALLS, December 18

> > A Neutral Nation's Losses

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN newspaper recently printed the

that Norway had lost 242 ship of war. Does any one st that country go to war? If not seen it. The circumst teresting in view of the volamations of some men whi know better, urging that plunge into the world hell on the continent of Europe BROOKLYN, December 13